THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The Food Corporation of India has decided to close down 13 Modern Rice Mills (MRM), including the one at Durgapur, as these were found to be consistently un-economical. 59 labourers employed by Handling and Transport Contractor at MRM, Durgapur, are affected due to closure of this Mill.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). It is not possible for FCI to provide employment to the labourers employed by H&T contractor at MRM, Durgapur. These were the labourers employed by the contractor and there is no employer—employee relationship between the FCI and such labourers employed by the H&T contractors.

Construction of NAFED House

1743. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work of NAFED House is still incomplete despite expenditure of Rs. 2.20 crores during the last five years; and

(b) if so, whether any irregularities have been noticed in the construction work and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The construction work of NAFED House is complete for which the Delhi Development Authority also issued Completion Certificate in May, 1988. No irregularity in the construction work has come to the notice of the Government. It is, however, understood from NAFED that there were certain difficulties with the contractors in expeditious and satisfactory completion of work.

List of banned Pesticides

1744. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a list of banned pesticides and also those which are likely to be banned i.e. those banned in other countries but still in use in India has been prepared and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether in view of the successes achieved by the ICAR/Government Laboratories in the field of Biological Control of Pesticides and development of pesticides of Plan origin, Government propose to review their policy towards manufacturing and imports of chemical pesticides ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) In India, two insecticides, namely, Endrin and Ethyl Parathion have been phased out; 18 pesticides as per list at statement-I have not been approved for registration. (See below). The use of Dieldrin, EDB and Aluminium phosphide is restricted. The use of BHC has been restricted to its present level. The list of pesticides whose use may be restricted in future subject to detailed investigation, is placed at statement-II. (*See* below).

(b) Government is already promoting use of biological control agents as the major component of "Integrated Pest Management" strategy.

Statement-I

Insecticides not approved for registration.

1. Calcium arsenate
2. Lead arsenate
3. Cabophenthion (Trithion)

4. Azinphos methyl (Gusathion)
5. EPN
6. Mevinphos (Phosdrin)
7. 2, 4, 5-T
8. Vamidothion
9. Mephosfolan
10. Aziphosethyl
11. Binapacryl
12. Dierotophos
13. Thiodemeton/Disulphoton
14. Fentin Hydroxide
15. Fentin acetate
16. Chinomethonate (Morestan)
17. Ammonium sulphate
18. Leptophos (Phosvel)

Statement-II

1. D.D.T.
2. Aldrin
3. Chlordane
4. Heptachlor
5. Chlorbenzilate
6. DBCP
7. Toxaphane
8. Sodium Cyanide
9. PCNB
10. Captan
11. Captafol
12. 2, 4-D
13. Aldicarb
14. Carbaryl
15. Dicofol
16. Dimethoate
17. Endosulfan
18. Lindane
19. Methyl Parathion
20. Nitrofen
21. Paraquat
22. Nicotine sulphate
23. PCP
24. Phorate
25. PMA
26. Tetradifon
27. Zinc Phosphide

Central assistance for natural calamities

1745. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what were the demands of the State Governments for relief measures to the devastation by natural calamities during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; what were the amounts recommended by the Central team; and what were the amounts sanctioned by the Central Government to different States and on which accounts; and

(b) what amounts were actually released and what were the utilisations rates ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Sabha.

Rural sanitation programme in Rajasthan

1746. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount provided to Rajasthan during the last year for constructing "Swachha Shauchalaya" in the rural areas of the State under the Rural Sanitation Programme;

(b) the amount utilised by the Rajasthan Government so far; and

(c) the number of rural sanitary units constructed and the details of the villages covered ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) An amount of Rs. 20.00 lakhs was provided to Rajasthan during 1987-88 for constructing "Swachha